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SUBJ: NATO HQ PARTICIPATION IN WINTEX 77

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1. THE COUNCIL OPERATIONS EXERCISE COMMITTEE (COEC) MET ON OCTOBER 28 TO DISCUSS THE FEASIBILITY OF REPLACING THE USUAL WINTEX DPC RESPONSE CELL WITH A REPRESENTATIONAL COMMITTEE DURING PERIODS OF WINTEX 77 WHEN THE DPC/MC IS NOT ACTIVELY PLAYING.

2. COEC DISCUSSION FOCUSED ON THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS PROPOSED BY CHAIRMAN (MACBRIEN):

A. COULD COEC REPS AGREE IN PRINCIPLE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN OPEN-ENDED COMMITTEE TO PLAY AS A MINI-DPC (TAKING REAL DECISIONS ON THE BASIS OF NATIONAL INSTRUCTION) DURING A SPECIFIED PERIOD OF WINTEX 77? ALL REPS AGREED TO THIS PROPOSAL.

B. WHAT TIMEFRAME SHOULD THE DPC/MC PLAY IN WINTEX 77?

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SINCE DPC/MC PLAY IN WINTEX 75 FOCUSED ON THE SELECTIVE RELEASE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS? CHAIRMAN SUGGESTED THAT THE DPC/MC PARTICIPATE IN WINTEX 77 DURING REINFORCED ALERT AND GENERAL ALERT (MARCH 9-10, 1977). SHAPE REP (JONES) SAID THAT THIS

PARTICULAR PERIOD OF WINTEX 77 SHOULD BE INTERESTING SINCE IT INVOLVES EXTENSIVE PLAY OF EXTERNAL REINFORCEMENTS, LOGISTICS AND CIVIL-MILITARY COOPERATION. MOST COEC REPS FAVORED DPC/MC PLAY DURING MARCH 9-19, 1977.

C. WHAT TIMEFRAME SHOULD THE MINI-DPC PLAY IN WINTEX 77? CHAIRMAN SUGGESTED THE PERIOD MARCH 6-9 AND MARCH 11-17. SOME OF THE SMALLER DELEGATIONS SAID THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE DIFFICULTY IN PROVIDING THE NECESSARY STAFF TO OPERATE ON A TWENTY-FOUR HOUR BASIS FROM MARCH 6-17, 1977. CHAIRMAN SAID THAT PARTICIPATION BY ALL DELEGATIONS IN THE MINI-DPC OPEN-ENDED COMMITTEE WAS DESIRABLE BUT NOT MANDATORY. HOWEVER, HE POINTED OUT THAT IF A DELEGATION WAS NOT REPRESENTED AT THE MINI-DPC MEETINGS, IT MUST BE UNDERSTOOD THAT THEIR ABSENCE WOULD BE CONSIDERED AS DE FACTO APPROVAL OF THE DECISIONS AGREED TO BY THE MAJORITY OF THE COMMITTEE.

D. WHAT OTHER COMMITTEES SHOULD PARTICIPATE DURING THE PERIOD WHEN THE MINI-DPC IS PLAYING? CHAIRMAN SUGGESTED THAT THE CURRENT INTELLIGENCE GROUP (CIG) AND CURRENT OPERATIONS GROUP (COG) SHOULD PLAY. IMS REP (BALZER) SAID THAT THE MILITARY COMMITTEE (MC) WOULD OPERATE A MINI-MC DURING THE PERIOD WHEN THE MINI-DPC WAS PLAYING. CIVIL EMERGENCY PLANNING REP (HERZOG) SAID THAT NO DECISION HAD BEEN REACHED ON WHETHER THE SENIOR CIVIL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE WOULD PARTICIPATE IN WINTEX 77.

3. CHAIRMAN CLOSED MEETING BY STATING THAT IS WOULD PREPARE A PAPER HIGHLIGHTING THE ABOVE PROPOSALS. THIS PAPER WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE NEXT COEC MEETING AND THEN SENT TO THE DPC FOR APPROVAL. COMMENT. UPON RECEIPT, WE WILL FORWARD THIS PAPER TO WASHINGTON WITH OUR RECOMMENDATIONS. END COMMENT. BRUCE

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